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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2879**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidekazu KOBAYASHI

Group Art Unit: 2879

Application No.: 09/509,121

Examiner: S. Roy

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Docket No.: 105034

For: ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE HAVING A THIN-FILM LAYER
(AS AMENDED)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 28, 2003 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 15, 17, 19-28, 30, 32-38 and 40 are pending in this application. Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 15, 17, 19-23, 25-28, 30-36, 38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,739,635 to Wakimoto (hereinafter "Wakimoto") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,575,800 to Kobayashi et al. (hereinafter "Kobayashi"); and claims 22, 23, 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over